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Frank Ingram is happy to see Halls and Hawk Lakes take part in a new source water protection pilot project. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

FOCA picks AH lakes for pilot

By Mike Baker

The Halls and Hawk lakes system in Algonquin Highlands has been selected for a new Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) pilot seeking to protect "valuable and vital" sources of drinking water across the province.

The chain, a key cog on the Trent Severn Waterway, was one of three watersheds announced for the pilot last week. Shelley Fellows, president of the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA), said this is a big deal for waterfront residents in the immediate area.

"Overall, our lakes look fairly healthy but there are certain things that are a concern… the thing that terrifies me is blue-green algae. We have not had any blooms on the lakes yet, but there was one upstream from us on Kennisis Lake in 2024," Fellows said.

For years, the association has conducted its own monitoring through the Woodlands and Waterways Ecowatch, a program coordinated by U-Links. That provides a chemical analysis of samples, painting

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Service delivery review back on

By Lisa Gervais

County of Haliburton CAO Gary Dyke wants to continue tackling the service delivery review – tabling a fulsome report to the May 28 County council meeting.

His proposal for a second phase garnered council approval.

The County began the review of 66 services it, and member townships, provide, in 2022. That review found 12 high priority services that could be targeted for efficiencies. Six of them (solid waste management, fire services, economic development, bylaw enforcement, procurement and IT/digital strategy) were addressed in 2022-23.

Dyke said phase two has identified engineering, communications, human resources, and planning.

He said the next detailed review and analysis would be done by County and township staff, led by CAOs. Final reports on recommended options would be provided to County council in September, and to member municipal councils in October.

Dyke said, "on an overall basis, the ones that were implemented were implemented successfully and resulted in increased productivity and service delivery efficiencies."

Some were not, however, such as councillors rebuking the idea of centralizing solid waste management.

The CAO talked about some of the challenges that have bogged the review down.

He said staff were presented with 12 "significant" tasks, but "a minimal implementation plan." He said the strategy going forward is to break it down into manageable chunks.

In addition, Dyke said there

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A successful pilot project could spread to other Highlands lakes

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a picture of the lake's general health but doesn't identify bacteria that may be in the water, Fellows said.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Walkerton drinking water tragedy, when seven people died and more than 2,300 fell ill following an E. coli contamination. The event led to significant changes in Ontario's drinking water regulations and practices, including regular bacterial and chemical testing of municipal systems.

A special report by Ontario's auditor general, released in March, identified ongoing gaps affecting drinking water safety for nearly three million Ontario residents who rely on non-municipal systems for their drinking water. On Halls and the Hawks, where water is pulled from the lake, there's no legislation requiring upkeep, meaning many systems remain untested and unregulated.

Fellows said HHLPOA applied to be part of the pilot – a second phase for FOCA – in March, shortly after hearing from members on what they feel the association should prioritize in its 20-year lake plan update. A new document will be rolled out next year, replacing the one completed in 2006.

Almost unanimously, water quality was the number one concern heard.

"We asked people about things like boat noise, wakes, water usage, but the top issue by far was this feeling that preserving the quality of the water was paramount," she said, noting that survey was submitted to FOCA as part of the application. "It definitely helped us land this pilot."

FOCA's CEO Lesley Lavender said there were 12 applicants, noting the three selected stood out based on their demonstrated experience, strong volunteer commitment and enthusiasm to build capacity provincially for source water protection. Others selected are based in Sundridge and Perth.

"All lake associations, including those in Haliburton County, are encouraged to explore source water protection," Lavender said. "FOCA aims to help extend a culture of multi-barrier drinking water protection into rural and waterfront communities, starting with the source – our precious freshwater.

> *"It will be like a strategic plan for our waterbodies, guiding us to ensure the sustainability and health of the lake*
> ***Shelley Fellows***

The work

Last year, FOCA partnered with Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Kinmount Park Estates Association to develop a source water protection plan for the waterfront community on Crego Lake.

Working with consulting engineers and volunteers on the lake, the pilot assessed threats to the community's drinking water, including risks posed by septic systems, fuel storage, and the area's vulnerable fractured bedrock geology. It provided practical recommendations to help the community mitigate risk and safeguard private water sources.

These include maintaining a naturalized shoreline buffer at the water's edge, avoiding pesticide use, using biodegradable cleaning products, testing well water, and having septic systems inspected.

Fellows anticipates similar recommendations for Halls and Hawk lakes. A five-person working group has been established, formulating a plan for the summer. She hopes to grow that core group to 10 people, ideally with representatives from each of the three lakes, as well as the Kennisis River. Fellows said HHLPOA has also invited Algonquin Highlands township to participate in the pilot.

The project will kick-off this month at the association's upcoming AGM, happening June 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shalom by the Lake resort on Little Hawk Lake Road.

"Then, for the rest of the summer, we will be doing another survey, taking a look at publicly available information on water quality, nearby land uses, and geography and topography of the region to identify risk to source water quality," she said. "Then, in the fall, we should have a list of risks to drinking water quality and a very specific source water protection plan."

There will be another meeting late fall to present findings, with a final plan expected by the end of the calendar year. That information will also be used for HHLPOA's updated 20-year lake plan. She noted that document will likely see several changes from the last one.

"The community is very active and aware about things that were acceptable 25 years ago but aren't today. Before, many wouldn't think anything of sending kids into the lake with a bar of soap, but people aren't doing that anymore," she said.

"It will be like a strategic plan for our waterbodies, guiding us to ensure the sustainability and health of the lake going forward. Having the FOCA piece this year too just means this latest plan will be the most informative one yet," she added.

Anyone interested in joining the working group can contact president@hallshawklakes.ca.

No job cuts in County's services delivery review

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were "no clearly articulated" service agreements between the County and the townships, leading to "ambiguity and misremembering." He'd like detailed service agreements going forward so, "everyone understands what their role is, who's lane is what lane, and what to do in the event of conflict."

He also called for "accountability and effective valuation of what we are doing." He also felt they need a review of all staff vacancies, when people leave, "to determine the relevancy and value of each role to the organization's strategic goals."

Deputy warden Liz Danielsen agreed, "one of the greatest challenges we ran into right off the top was there was so much, so many recommendations, so much work to do." She said it was "overwhelming." She felt service agreements are needed.

Overall, she said for the service delivery review to work, "we really need to have buy-in here from all of us in order to go forward. We've talked about this an awful lot and we seem to keep kind of stumbling and not going ahead the way we should be."

Coun. Bob Carter said another difficulty was turning the work "over to a group of people in which jobs could be potentially redefined or threatened. You almost need an outside person to lead the task force… just having somebody maybe a bit more neutral."

But Dyke said they'd never discussed job cuts. "We're not thinking of getting rid of people. When someone is leaving, really take a look at it, is there an opportunity for efficiencies here? That gives a sense of security to staff. Finding efficiencies doesn't mean someone is going to lose their job."

Coun. Walt McKechnie said he personally felt the process was taking them towards a one-tier government and, "I don't believe in a one-tier government in Haliburton County."

But Dyke said they have no intention of looking at single-tier. He said municipal governments do, however, face challenges with a regressive property tax system and spending demands. He said it's about creating efficiencies and, "how we keep ourselves tenable" with extra pressure for services.

Finding service efficiencies is at the core of the service delivery review.

Danielsen expressed a "desire to work better together … not taking power, control…no desire for the A (amalgamation) word."

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The former Land Registry Office will be left as-is for now. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

County defers office work

By Lisa Gervais

County council will hold on to the former Land Registry Office in Minden, but has shelved plans for an extensive $2.5 million redevelopment of that building and the current County offices across the street.

Director of public works, Sylvin Cloutier, presented a report to the May 28 council meeting. In it, he said work at the building at 12 Newcastle St., (the former Land Registry Office) would have cost nearly $1.3 million: including moving the existing council chamber at 11 Newcastle St. across the road; another $165,000-plus for exterior work; and $100,000 for a lift. He noted a big chunk of that would be for accessibility requirements.

He estimated another $1.145 million for the current County office building, with $600,000 being for accessibility upgrades.

Coun. Murray Fearrey said he could not justify spending the $2.5 million to taxpayers. He felt a new council chamber was not necessary, as it would only be used for a limited number of meetings every month.

"In these times, I just cannot accept spending $2.5 million on both," he said in asking to defer the project. However, he did back doing the government-mandated accessibility upgrades at the current office, at the $600,000. Fearrey added with council committing to furthering the service delivery review, now was not the time. "This project needs a lot of consideration."

Coun. Walt McKechnie was firm in his opinion that the County sell the Land Registry Office, making it available for future affordable housing; "some real nice apartments in there, which is what's really needed," while upgrading the existing office.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux didn't want to surplus the building. "We will be expanding. It would be shooting ourselves in the foot to get rid of a building during a trend of continuous expansion."

Coun. Cec Ryall asked about the space needs of County staff. Dyke said they have capacity issues. He said for now, they could get by, but "from a growth, flexibility standpoint, that doesn't exist in its current form."

Deputy warden Liz Danielsen said she is always concerned about deferring projects, as, "nothing gets cheaper." She suggested an RFP that could break down work and costs. "At least we have the information. If we decide not to go ahead, so be it." She said they may ultimately run out of space and it will cost more to redevelop at that time. She also asked about other sources of funding. Dyke said they are investigating other money possibilities.

The prospect of sharing a council chamber with Minden Hills was raised.

Dyke felt council was proposing "forget about doing work at 12 Newcastle St. for now, proceed with renovations at the existing County office, and possibly share council chambers with Minden Hills."

His second option was leaving the former Land Registry Office alone; doing all upgrades at 11 Newcastle St., including modernizing the existing council chamber space, and dealing with growth as it happens.

He said both could be done within existing budgets.

By recorded vote, council elected for the first option; the complete renovation at 11 Newcastle St. and discussions with Minden Hills about a shared council chamber. Only McKechnie voted against.

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AMO giving local government some love

By Mike Baker

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter told a packed house at the Minden Community Centre last week that he has never understood why municipal elections attract so few voters to the polls.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) brought its travelling 'healthy democracy project' roadshow to town May 28, with speakers Petra Wolfbeiss and Henry Khamonde discussing ways County residents can get involved and help make a difference ahead of the next election, scheduled for Oct. 26, 2026.

Kicking off the event, Carter spoke about low voter turnout for the most recent municipal election in 2022. Dysart et al reported 31.47 per cent of eligible voters cast a ballot, with Algonquin Highlands at 28.9 per cent, Minden Hills at 24.76 per cent, and Highlands East at 21.26 per cent.

This is a far-cry from the 72.36 per cent of voters in the riding (which also includes Kawartha Lakes) who re-elected Jamie Schmale to parliament in April, and the 48.95 per cent of people in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock who gave Laurie Scott a seventh term as MPP in February.

"The day-to-day relationships most of us have with government is at the municipal level – waste management, fire services, road upgrades… so, the area that affects us the most we pay the least attention to," Carter said. "This apathy is also reflected in the number of people we attract to run."

Wolfbeiss said AMO is working to flip those statistics on their head. Involving and engaging the public is key to the process, she said. So too is understanding why interest is so low.

"Municipal governance is the least understood… so educating people about all the different things their municipal government is responsible for is vital. We also need to get back to a place where we can have frequent conversations, disagreements and debates and for that to be OK," Wolfbeiss said. "It's only through those conversations that good change can happen."

AMO's Petra Wolfbiess, Minden Hills coun. Pam Sayne and AMO intern Henry Khamonde at a 'healthy democracy project' meeting in Minden May 28. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

She noted the project has one clear objective - to increase the diversity and number of people running for election in 2026.

The 2022 election had the highest number of acclamations in history with 560, up from 380 in 2018. There were 32 communities where the entire council was acclaimed, meaning they automatically secured a seat because nobody run against them.

In Haliburton County, 12 of 22 officials were acclaimed, including the mayors and deputy mayors in Dysart and Minden Hills.

Wolfbeiss pointed to two blinding issues – low pay and increases in harassment, violence and abuse. She told how, recently, Leamington mayor Hilda McDonald had to be escorted out of a meeting after an "online conspiracy theory group" ambushed a meeting about the township's official plan. She has reportedly received repeated threats against her life.

In Quebec, nine per cent of the province's approximate 8,000 elected officials have resigned since November 2021, citing toxicity at the council level and abuse from the community.

"It's low wages, high demand. That narrows down the number of people who want to do it. People are seeing too much risk and not enough reward," she said, noting AMO is developing a civility and anti-harassment strategy.

It's also inviting municipal politicians, active or not, to share stories from when they were in office – the good and the bad – to help form future 'healthy democracy' directives. Staff will engage with diverse candidates representing different minorities who have run for office.

Wolfbeiss said AMO is also revamping its training for new councillors and will provide additional resources to ensure they feel informed and supported.

"Through this work, we hope to build up representative councils, develop resource tools and training, foster a respect for democracy, and increase trust in local government."

Youth are key

Khamonde, a youth fellowship intern with AMO, said the organization has recently collaborated with Apathy is Boring, a non-partisan group that promotes youth participation in politics. They released the report 'Youth and Local Democracy', which highlights existing barriers.

"To put it simply, youth don't think their voice holds weight in local government. It's up to us all to shift their frame of mind, so they know they do have a say," Khamonde said. "They haven't yet established that connection with their municipality and the role it undertakes."

Seeking youth input on important issues is a good first step to bridging the divide, the AMO representative added. "Local municipalities have the power to invite youth to the table and inspire change."

A "homegrown" healthy democracy project will be kicking off in the Highlands this fall. It's operating under the umbrella of the Telling Our Stories Speaker Series, as part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. Four sessions are planned, designed to boost candidate numbers ahead of next year's municipal election. A full itinerary will be released over the summer.

To learn more, contact Sean Pennylegion at pennylegion@gmail.com.

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JT Lowes of All Season Cottage Rentals began lobbying for bylaw charges in the winter. *Submitted.*

Cottage rental companies want STR changes in Minden

By Lisa Gervais

Stephanie Field of Cottage Care Rentals and JT Lowes of All Season Cottage Rentals asked Minden Hills council, May 29, to tweak its short-term rental rules.

The two said the township's bylaw wording about buildings and structures is confusing. They added when people are applying for a short-term rental licence, and are told they have to pay additional money for a licence of occupation for a dock, and proof of added insurance, they are taken aback.

Lowes said "many owners have decided, with the extra expenses, they're no longer going to rent. It's just not worth it." He said his business has lost 75-80 per cent of its renters in Minden Hills.

He and Field clarified their market is people who rent out for three to five weeks a year to help offset costs of running a cottage, such as paying taxes or for new docks or decks. He said they are being impacted by the new short-term rental rules much more than people on online platforms renting 365 days of the year who are getting much more income.

As a result, Lowes said bad renters are staying in the game and good ones leaving. He noted cottage rental companies do the things the bylaw covers, such as ensuring properties are safe and up to code. They deal with neighbour complaints.

The two suggested a class B licence for cottage rental companies. They said the township could be included in indemnity waivers to ease fears about liability. That would eliminate the need for a licence of occupation for a dock, as well as extra insurance.

Lowes said their loss of rental properties will affect the Highlands' economy, and has already resulted in job cuts. Field added they are losing repeat renters.

Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al do not require licences of occupation, or proof of insurance, for docks on shore road allowances.

Mayor Bob Carter said the existing rules are about liability. "Since we own land, and are letting someone operate a business on the land, we are the last stop for collection of any insurance claims."

Coun. Pam Sayne said cottage rental agencies have been in the County a long time and provide a valuable service. She said they are full-time operators who understand all aspects of the business. They inspect properties to ensure safeguards. She said the township should look into the request by way of a report back from staff.

Carter said the County and, subsequently, the townships, passed short-term rental rules to crack down on a growing business that was creating problems in the County. "But, as often happens, what you write sounds great, until it gets to be a practical situation…"

He was intrigued by the prospect of an indemnity clause. He said staff could look into that and encouraged Field and Lowes to provide ongoing feedback. Deputy mayor Lisa Schell was also in favour of taking another look at the bylaw. Coun. Tammy McKelvey said short-term rental owners are facing rules others are not, while coun. Bob Sisson said they don't want to lose business in Minden Hills.

Council received the delegation for information only, and, later in the meeting, agreed they need a staff report on definitions of a structure, possible licensing classifications, and the potential for indemnification.

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June 8 Bo Blake Band - Live Entertainment - Hosted at The Dominion Hotel

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Development charges

The potential for development charges (DC's) in Haliburton County is back up for discussion, with council, at its May 28 meeting, giving its director of planning the green light to bring an existing study to 2026 budget talks.

Development charges are fees municipalities in Ontario collect from developers at the time a building permit is issued. The charges help pay for the capital costs of infrastructure needed to support new development, such as roads, water and sewer systems, and community services.

Elizabeth Purcell said consultant, Watson & Associates, started the study in 2022. However, they soon found the 2015 growth projections for the County were insufficient, and needed to do a new growth strategy. The project went overbudget and essentially paused.

Purcell asked if staff could bring the study back in hopes of finishing it, with an estimated $30,000 needed in next year's budget.

Coun. Murray Fearrey said he thought the province was talking about doing away with development charges. Fearrey asked if there was a reason that townships couldn't bring them in themselves. He added he did not think Dysart would adopt them, for fear of turning developers away.

CAO Gary Dyke said the Ontario government isn't getting away from development charges, just altering the extent of them. "The landscape has significantly changed with the passing of Bill 5."

Coun. Bob Carter said, "we need development charges. People are coming to us with projects, and there is no way the existing tax base can absorb this. I one-hundred per cent agree with the recommendation… " It includes bylaws for the County and its member municipalities.

Purcell said there could be the ability for a township to opt out. However, she said municipalities would be the biggest beneficiaries of development charges. "It is ultimately up to local councils whether they pass the bylaw."

She noted the province has a phased-in approach for charges, so it's "a gradual introduction to development charges, so people can get used to them."

Carter said it's not a money grab. "Who is going to pay for the growth; the next house that puts you over the limit for waste treatment or your wells? We're worried about paying for infrastructure. This is part of the cause of the infrastructure gap. If people want to build and live here, they have to pay their fair share."

CAO Gary Dyke is celebrating 35 years in municipal government. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

CAO marks 35 years of service

Warden Dave Burton read out a letter from The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA), honouring County CAO Gary Dyke for his 35 years of service.

CAMA said it has a long service recognition awards program for people in full-time, paid employment, who are in management roles - and Dyke has reached 35 years' service in municipal governance.

"Gary's dedication to his role has undoubtedly contributed to the advancement of your municipality and we are pleased to recognize his achievements," CAMA said.

(County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Wig latest

Dysart et al bylaw officer Hailey Cole said demolition of the Wigamog Inn property remains on hold following a May 3 fire, with the township again engaging with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) as it seeks to take over teardown.

The bylaw officer said she'll be submitting an extensive breakdown of the property's history to the municipal lawyer and will await direction on how to best proceed.

Earlier this month, MECP officials told *The Highlander* there was no change to its requirement that site owner, Aurora Group, carry out more testing of the area to ensure that at-risk species residing there won't be impacted by any further demolition.

"We need to get some answers on this fairly soon," said mayor Murray Fearrey.

Washroom fees waived

Attendees at this summer's Rotary Music in the Park will be able to use the washrooms at the Haliburton welcome centre after council waived $1,375 in fees to keep them open for 10 upcoming concerts.

Andrea Mueller, manager of programs and events, said the township has supported the request for three straight years and suggested council get ahead of next year's ask by advancing approval for 2026, too, which it did.

The series kicks off June 24 with The Rockin' Bobs and wraps Aug. 26 with Gordie Tentrees. Performances run every Tuesday through summer at the Head Lake Park bandshell, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dysart et al council is waiting for answers on what it can do with the Wigamog. *File.*

Dymo bus

Dysart's Dymo bus, which provides specialized transportation for people with mobility difficulties, will soon have a dedicated space to pick-up and drop-off on Mountain Street.

Haliburton Bus Lines, which operates the service, asked council for designated parking for the bus in front of the Community Living building. Elected officials approved the request, directing staff to remove two public parking spots to accommodate the bus.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker)

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Residents opposing a rezoning application on Halls Lake point to the property where a hobby farm will be housed within 120-metres of the shore. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

AH approves Halls Lake hobby farm

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands council has unanimously supported a request to rezone roughly six acres of land close to Halls Lake, paving the way for the applicants, Tim and Laura Kegel, to re-establish a hobby farm on their property.

Council chambers was filled to the brim May 29 as elected officials met to discuss a rezoning application for 1572 Little Hawk Lake Rd. Last summer, the Kegels applied to transition the land from Shoreline Residential Two (SR2) to Rural-Exception (RU).

The couple wants to raise pigs and chickens and build a secondary residence on the property, though their application has been opposed by dozens of other cottagers on the system. A petition signed by 565 people before the vote called for council to turn the proposal down, claiming the hobby farm would have a negative impact on Halls Lake.

In his presentation, planner Sean O'Callaghan said the township did receive an environmental impact study, nutrient management strategy and plan, and an Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) inspection report, with "no concerns noted with regards to the proposed hobby farm."

The planner, however, recommended council deny the application based on comments received by County planner Elizabeth Purcell, who indicated the property would be in violation of the upper-tier's official plan if it were rezoned RU.

O'Callaghan said this is due to verbiage in the official plan stipulating that RU zones be accessible directly from a public highway. The only access to the Kegel property is off the neighbouring Shalom on the Lake resort, which is owned by family.

Mayor Liz Danielsen felt that was a non-factor, noting "nobody seems concerned about the issue of access." Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux agreed, feeling it's "a technicality… not the heart of this application." Danielsen said there has been no determination made by County council over whether the rezoning would be supported or not.

O'Callaghan said the file will now go to the County, with the upper tier required to schedule a public meeting before making a final determination. He noted the Kegels could also apply for an official plan amendment with the County.

What was approved?

Included within the RU designation is an exemption that will prohibit the Kegels from setting up a portable asphalt plant, commercial kennel, or group home. It will allow a hobby farm, which Kegel previously had on the site from about 2018 to 2023, but council implemented limits on the number of animals allowed.

O'Callaghan said the threshold for total nutrient units (NU) on the property has been set at 1.5, which should allow for up to four pigs and some chickens. NU refers to the amount of nitrogen and phosphate nutrients generated by livestock and poultry. In Ontario, one unit is defined as the nutrient value equivalent to 43 kilograms of nitrogen or 55 kilograms of phosphate.

Asked who would police that, O'Callaghan said since it would be a zoning matter the township takes point but would likely have to consult with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) to determine if the property has exceeded the limit.

Council also opted to retain site plan control of the property, meaning any addition must first be ratified by the township. O'Callaghan said the Kegels included their plans in the EIS and nutrient management reports, so the township is aware of what and where they plan to build.

Kegel plans to house the pigs in pens at the rear of the property, closest to the water. He also plans to construct a secondary residence on the site, though O'Callaghan told council that will require a separate application.

Council also directed staff to confirm setbacks for new structures from neighbouring properties.

How they got there

One of the primary concerns levelled by the opposition was that the EIS and nutrient management work was completed last October and November, when there would have been no run-off towards the water. They wanted tests done in the spring to show that contaminants won't seep downhill and into the lake.

O'Callaghan said he is "quite confident" there will be no impact.

"The study was done based off eight pigs being on the property, so almost double what's being proposed. It demonstrated there would be a negative nutrient load on the property. Because the applicant intends to mix manure generated by the pigs with topsoil to make fertilizer that will be applied to plants and gardens on the property, they will absorb more nutrients than the pigs are producing," he said.

The planner also noted no streams or drainage courses leading to Halls Lake have been identified on the Kegel property, saying "the studies we've been provided show there shouldn't be any overland drainage off the property. The soil type has been identified as being a sandy-ish soil, so not clay, meaning it would absorb any water run-off."

Dailloux felt approving the application was "the fair thing to do," noting there are several other RU properties in the township that are closer to waterbodies than the Kegel property. The deputy mayor said she has seen no evidence to suggest the planned hobby farm would negatively impact Halls Lake.

"The environment is paramount for our community. But I'm not seeing a reason from what we've been given that suggests this would jeopardize the lake in a direct way," Dailloux said.

'Heartbreaking' decision

Beth Carey, one of approximately 100 waterfront residents on Halls Lake who opposed the application, sobbed when council delivered its decision last week.

Her grandfather was the first to establish a cottage on Halls Lake. She has spent her whole life summering on the "pristine water," though is worried her grandchildren won't have that same opportunity.

"They usually play for hours in front of our cottage, jumping into the water… I'm worried this is the first domino to fall… for me, this is not just about the Kegel property. It's about precedent," she said, noting other landowners may be encouraged to put in similar applications now. "That's why this was an important one to take a step back, do all the work, and make a truly informed decision."

Sherry Lawr, who has been visiting Halls Lake for almost 50 years, was disappointed the township didn't have the reports submitted by the Kegels peer reviewed by an outside firm. She also felt more potential uses should have been outlawed, such as implementing a cemetery, daycare, commercial greenhouse or veterinary clinic.

"We all support homesteading and farming activity as long as it is located in an appropriate location," Lawr said.

The Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA) is investigating whether it can appeal Algonquin Highlands' decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Following the passing of Bill 23 in 2022, neighbours can no longer appeal development decisions made by a local council. Instead, that falls to certain advocacy groups, such as conservation authorities.

Given there's no conservation authority in Haliburton County, HHLPOA president Shelley Fellows believes she may have a case.

"I am disappointed in the decision. I feel the community was concerned for all the right reasons and that there should have been a lengthier environmental study done," she said. "In the absence of a conservation authority, to me, the next level would be a property owners association, or a lake association. So, we'll see."

Editorial opinion

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Review return welcome

By Lisa Gervais

I applaud County CAO Gary Dyke for bringing the service delivery review back to County council at last week's meeting.

I also commend the councillors for agreeing to kick-start a phase two of the review – even though some of them are very wary of where the process may take them.

One can call it a review. One can say it is about finding efficiencies. But, to some councillors, such as Walt McKechnie, it's all fancy words for amalgamation.

Despite Dyke assuring councillors that is not the intent of the reprised review – and going out of his way to assure them nobody is going to lose their job – some remain skeptical.

The CAO clearly addressed the job issue when he said if any positions were to ever be eliminated, it would be through attrition. In saying so, he also hoped to allay the fears of coun. Bob Carter, who does not want staff working on a file in which their positions are under review. Carter's still keen for an independent person to look at the future of municipal jobs – not the very people doing those jobs.

Let's do a quick recap. The service delivery review was presented to County councillors in November 2020 – nearly five years ago. A working group of County and township staff started chipping away at it. There were 12 big ticket items. Between 2022-23, they looked into solid waste management. County councillors said 'no' to single-tier waste management. Under economic development, they hired a director of economic development and tourism. I'd say this has been a win, since Scott Ovell has been instrumental in helping on files such as short-term rentals and the MAT tax. Fire services are working together better, and it would appear bylaw enforcement, procurement and IT/Digital Strategy are also advanced.

There have been hiccups, however. We've seen growing pains on joint requests for tenders and requests for proposals. Dyke has correctly identified not having clear agreements between the County and the municipalities has been a problem. He's working to get those in place so everyone knows who is doing what.

The working group is now going to set its sights on engineering; for example, a person who can help with the ordering of roads materials. Someone who can do the calculations fast and well, to save public works managers' time. It's similar to last year's budget decision to hire an in-house mechanic. The County and its townships have saved money not having to outsource maintenance and repairs.

They are also looking at planning. Maybe it is time for an overarching County official plan, with the township's tertiary plans. The idea here is that everyone will be on the same page. We all know how frustrating it is for developers or contractors having to work with four or five different sets of rules. That is not efficient.

Human resources, including a consolidated benefits plan, will save money. The working group will also key in on communications, in hopes of getting consistent messaging out to folks.

Dyke also has a plan to make sure there is a way to track if, and how, the changes are working.

It has the potential to be a great volume of work. We live in a County of 18,000 full-time residents, who, along with seasonal residents, are paying the lion's share of property taxes. We don't have large commercial and industrial tax sources. And, yet, the cost of doing municipal business is increasing at an alarming rate. Efficiencies must be found as soon as possible.

But, as deputy warden Liz Danielsen told last week's meeting, it is only going to work if all four townships get onboard. It's time to drive a stake through that age-old parochialism for the betterment of the entire County.

Inspiring youth

By Mike Baker

What does a healthy democracy look like to you?

That was one of the key questions posed to people at the Minden Community Centre May 27 by representatives from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The group was in town as part of a provincewide push to put more focus on next year's municipal elections, scheduled for Oct. 26, 2026.

The first step in a healthy democracy is having a fair and transparent electoral system. We're in good shape there. The second step is ensuring we get as many people as possible to the polls. That's been a massive failure across all three levels stretching back decades.

In 2022, none of the County's four townships was able to get even a third of eligible voters out to cast a ballot. Dysart et al reported a 31.47 per cent turnout, then it was Algonquin Highlands at 28.9 per cent, Minden Hills at 24.76 per cent, and Highlands East at 21.26 per cent.

That's pretty pathetic when you compare that to the recent federal and provincial elections, where 72.36 per cent of voters in the riding re-elected Jamie Schmale and 48.95 per cent backed Laurie Scott.

Even those numbers are brutal, but nothing compares to the lack of interest we're currently seeing at the municipal level. Petra Wolfbeiss, a director with AMO, said municipal governance is the least understood by the public, but impacts us far more than federal and provincial politics.

Our municipalities are responsible for waste management, some emergency services, roads maintenance, recreation, fostering growth in our communities. The list goes on and on.

It shouldn't be a surprise that people engage more provincially and federally – that's typically what's front and centre any time we turn on the news. It doesn't help either that most of the noise that comes out of our municipal meetings is largely negative.

Abuse of elected officials has certainly spiked in the 15 years I've been covering local-level meetings. That, along with notoriously low pay, has resulted in a steady decline in interest in running for office. Across the County, 12 of 22 officials were acclaimed in 2022. Provincially, 560 politicians were simply handed their seat, up from 380 in 2018. There were 32 communities where the entire council was acclaimed, meaning they automatically secured a seat because nobody run against them.

And when you look at the age demographic of those taking up these positions today, it's pretty clear that things need to change. Our younger population needs to pick up the baton.

It's a fact that people aged 18-34 are the least engaged across all levels. If we want more people to get involved, then we need to get them excited. Find ways to connect.

That should begin in the classroom. Henry Khamonde, an AMO intern, said there are three main barriers to increased youth involvement – they don't feel heard, are unfamiliar with how municipal government works, and believe it holds less weight than provincial and federal tiers.

All three of those are relatively easy fixes – I dare say all could be achieved in a single afternoon. We should encourage our municipal politicians and staff to engage more with youth.

It was encouraging to see Algonquin Highlands recently welcome a class from Hal High to its township offices. Students met with CAO Angie Bird, fire chief Mike French and other department heads to learn about the inner workings of a municipality. That's the kind of thing that should be an annual trip for Grade 9s just starting to learn about the democratic process.

It would be cool too if our townships adopted something like a youth council – where each elected representative mentors someone who can attend select meetings and events, learning about how decisions are made, and municipalities operate.

We should be doing anything we can to inspire our youth and get them excited about building community – our future literally depends on it.

Editorial opinion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Sunset over Head Lake taken by Leanne Young, *Glimpses of Glory Photography.*

LETTERS

Not happy with Grace Lake tower

Dear editor,

Re. Grace Lake Tower article - May 29, 2025. Rogers Corporation Inc. (RCI) needs to meet their EORN quota for cell towers in Haliburton County (with eight needing to be erected in Dysart alone over the next 12 months).

In the rush to 'build, baby build' could a cell tower or two end up where they aren't needed? A proposed Grace Lake 60-metre tower, to which Dysart has just given its concurrence, could be a case in point.

The Highlander's May 29 article contained misleading information. For example, there is an agreement between RCI and Harcourt Park Inc (HPI) to erect a 90-metre cell tower pegged in the article as 11 kilometres from Grace Lake. Not so. A Mapscaping 'as the crow flies' search puts the HPI mega tower's location at five kms from Grace Lake. An existing Bell cell tower near Wilberforce servicing Grace Lake subscribers, is just over four kms distant, not more.

Rogers has touted that a 90-metre cell tower can service a 10 km radius. So, at five kms away from RCI's HPI cell tower, all Grace Lake residents should be well covered.

The news gets better…with Rogers requiring that their cell towers be close enough to interact, it turns out that the distance between the mega tower in Harcourt Park and Wilberforce's existing Bell tower comes in at under the required 10 kms. Those two towers can interrelate and thus further guarantee coverage everywhere on Grace Lake.

As it should have done earlier, Rogers now needs to approach Bell with a request to co-locate its equipment on Bell's existing tower…rendering the need for an additional 60-metre cell tower near Grace Lake unnecessary.

Rick Arnold
Grace Lake

What's the big deal about Measles?

Dear editor,

What is the big deal about the Measles outbreak around the world?

When I was growing up in the 50s, I, along with every other child going to school, had the German Measles, the Red Measles, Mumps, Whooping Cough etc., all of the childhood diseases.

Once they got it, they brought it home to the younger siblings, including babies in arms, and I never heard of anyone getting really sick from them that needed to be hospitalized. If the child's parents thought they should be seen by a medical person they asked Mrs. Sylvia Cameron, our nurse in Wilberforce who worked under the direction of Dr. Harry Good in Haliburton, to come to their home. If she thought they needed an injection of penicillin, she gave it to them and within days they'd be well again.

My parents owned Birch Villa Lodge-Trailer Park on the south end of Grace Lake. One summer in the late 70s a family came camping whose children broke out in measles within days of their arrival. Within days, most of the children had them. I don't remember any of the parents packing up and heading home for medical treatment. The kids did the usual summer fun things like swimming.

Don Outram
Tory Hill

Buying 'local' in Bracebridge

Dear editor,

It didn't take more than the whiff of a potential strike for Amazon to cancel pending orders required to be fulfilled via the post office in Haliburton.
Better than having them held hostage I guess, but wearisome and inconvenient.

Friends and relatives in more remote locations, outside of Haliburton, get courier delivery. In the middle of our, er...modern town, we can only wish. We're stuck lining up with our empty bowl wondering if anything back there might be for us.

I know, 'buy local.' Believe me, we do when available, if only to stay out of the post office. But buying local often means driving to Minden or Bracebridge.

Ross Peacock
Haliburton

Highlander business

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The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show took over A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club May 30 to June 1. With over 130 exhibitors, the event is designed to connect County-based residents and cottagers with the services they need to spruce up their properties, and enjoy their days off, over the summer. It's been running annually since 1977.

Top left: Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction, a local firm that specializes in building custom homes and cottages and renovations, said he never misses the annual show. Pictured with Hadley Burtch, Sara Burtch, and Melanie Klodt Wong. Top right: Alison Greenbaum and Bill McCarroll from Leather Better, show off their range of conditioning and cleaning products that can breathe new life into aged items. Bottom left: Vendors filled the arena and curling club. Bottom right: Mason Metal Creations owner Bob Mason shows off his many creations, pictured alongside customers Rita and Peter Dadzis. *Photos by Steve Sherwood.*

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New owners, Chandler Zedic and Kristy Kilbourne with former owners, Karen and Norm Perrott. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

New owners, same love of the outdoors

By Lisa Gervais

It's been a big week for Outdoors Plus in Haliburton with new owners, Chandler Zedic and Kristy Kilbourne, officially taking over the reins of the popular hunting, fishing and camping store from Karen and Norm Perrott.

This past Monday (June 2) marked the transition. The Perrotts opened the store in 1997, marking 28 years at the helm before choosing Zedic and Kilbourne as their successors.

That said, Karen, Colt and Craig are continuing to work at the store to help the new owners as they learn the ropes and get to know the community better. Norm is retired but available to help out as needed.

"We just want to make sure that when we walk out the door, they're 100 per cent comfortable with everything," Norm said. For example, there is a lot involved with the sale of firearms and ammunition and working with the Ministry of Natural Resources on licences, as well as getting distributors and suppliers onboard.

That said, Karen added, "everything is falling into place."

Zedic and Kilbourne weren't the first to come courting, but they were the right fit, the Perrots said.

Karen said they "are set for running a business." Norm added "they have the drive, the youth, the computer, and electronics experience. These are the people that are going to make it work and take Outdoors Plus to the next level. It's a perfect fit."

It's still bittersweet with Norm saying he couldn't close June 1. "I had to leave. It was too much." Karen said Norm was in tears. Karen said she'd been running the store nearly half of her life and feels privileged to have grandchildren work there today.

"We just want the community to know that we appreciate them," Karen added.

New kids on the block

The new owners grew up in the GTA, but Zedic's father got a place on Spruce Lake about 20 years ago, so Haliburton County has long been a second home. When his dad passed, he left the property to them. "This is where we want to be."

Kilbourne added they've been long-time customers of the store. The couple have three sons, aged 17, 14 and 11, so they are getting to an age where they can help out in the family business.

Kilbourne's first summer job was working with the MNR in Peterborough in fisheries policy, and then fish and wildlife, so she feels she is coming full circle. She is an urban planner by trade. Zedic is in the military.

Kilbourne added, "we saw it as a great opportunity to get involved with the community … and to serve everyone; from knowing nothing about fishing to sophisticated customers." They'll also continue to sell locally-made products.

Zedic added, "I think Outdoors Plus is about a lifestyle. It's a hunting and fishing store but it's all the things people want to do outside; we want to be able to offer the tools and the things that people need to get outside and enjoy the outdoors and what better place to do that, then up here in Haliburton County."

It'll be status quo, but they will be looking to customers for feedback on what they would like to see, such as updated technology or processes. One thing is digital gift cards for Father's Day this year, as opposed to paper ones. "Looking for things we can tweak, or make more efficient, or make a little bit different, without changing the Outdoors Plus experience."

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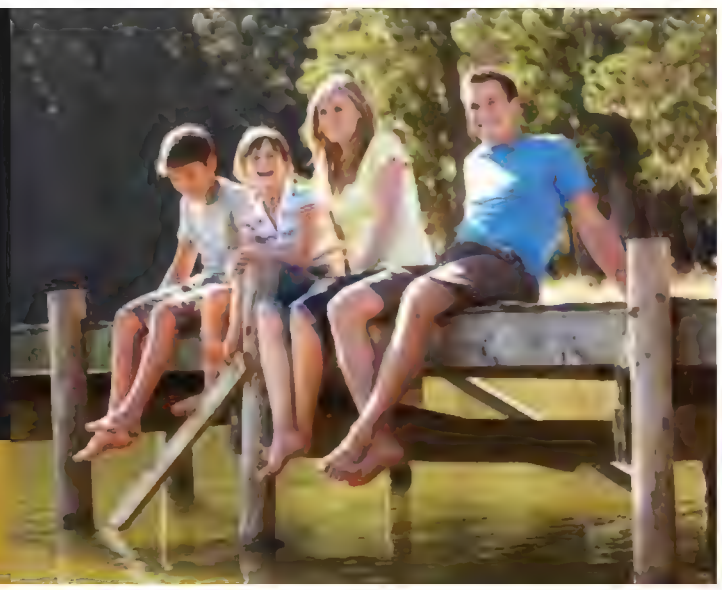

Highlander community

'Vital' support

The Canadian Federation of University Woman Haliburton Highlands (CFUWHH) donated $2,280 to Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace (HERS) May 9, with the money supporting operations at the Minden-based facility. Organization president Cindy Vasey said HERS is "a vital local organization that provides a lifeline for women and children in Haliburton County. HERS offers a safe, welcoming space for those escaping abusive situations, ensuring they can stay close to their jobs, school, family, and friends as they rebuild their lives." *(Mike Baker).*

CFUWHH president Cindy Vasey, vice president Nora Stewart, and Joan Stoner, the chapter's liaison to HERS, presented a cheque to Nycole Duncan, manager of the women's centre and HERS Minden, and Nikki Ozembloski, outreach counsellor for HERS. *Photo submitted.*

Bridge out

Minden Hills staff and Chuck Hopkins, of Hopkins Crane Service in Minden, removed the floating snowmobile bridge in Minden May 14 and made it into the town dock at the foot of Peck Street. *Photo submitted by Michael Stinson.*

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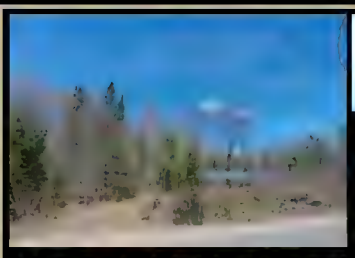

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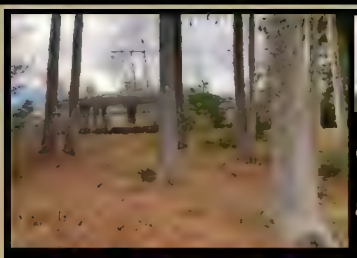

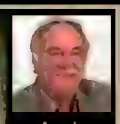

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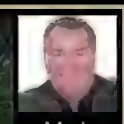

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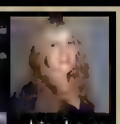

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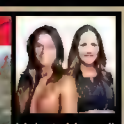

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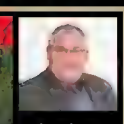

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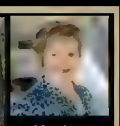

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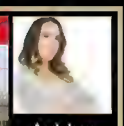

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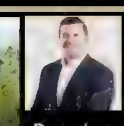

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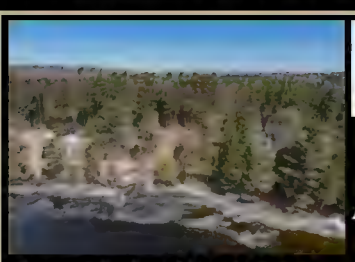

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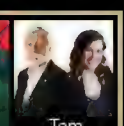

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Highlander community

Walking for a cause

A dozen people took part in Help A Village Effort's walk for water event May 28. The charity raises money to help build wells and sanitation blocks in mostly rural villages in India. The walk from Highland Hills United Church to the river walk and back emulated the distance many women and children walk for water in India. As of press time, the charity said it had raised $3,613. *Submitted.*

Feeding the spoils of resiliency grant

MPP Laurie Scott visited SIRCH's Bistro and Bakery May 20. She came to see what the organization has done with a $190,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant it received in April 2023 to help recover from COVID and build resiliency. The community kitchen is just one of many initiatives made possible through the grant. It was noted they were able to hire a kitchen coordinator and a food donation coordinator. Executive director, Gena Robertson, said they're now distributing 1,750 frozen meals a month and doing the Lunch is On Us program. Scott commented on how SIRCH is "always finding ways of trying to help the community." *(Lisa Gervais)*

SIRCH's John Herald, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, and SIRCH's Judy Bamford during a tour of the community kitchen. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

The Great South Lake Pajama Project

Everyone Deserves a Fresh Pair of Pajamas

In 2023 the Webster family wanted to give back to those most vulnerable in the Haliburton Highlands. They collect pj's 365 days a year for all ages and all sizes. In 2024 they gifted 500 pairs of jammies by donation. Everyone deserves a good night sleep and this project partners with nine organizations to gift to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Drop off a new pair (tag on it, please), any size to: **St. Paul's Anglican Thrift Shop**
19 Invergordan Avenue, Minden

For more information please call: 705-796-8265

Announcement Wilberforce FUNraisers Bursary 2025

The Wilberforce FUNraisers Group (WFG) is a local non-profit community group dedicated to the betterment of the Wilberforce Community, with an emphasis on opportunities for youth. Our goal is to see the youth of the community reach their full potential, and have access to whatever further training they need to accomplish that.

This will be the fifth year that the WFG will award a bursary to one or more local students.

The deadline for Applications for the $600 WFG Bursary is July 1st this year.

Criteria: Qualified local students are those who are graduating from high school this spring and continuing in post secondary studies (whether it be university, college, or an apprenticeship program). Additionally, candidates must be from the Wilberforce area and/or have attended the Wilberforce Elementary school; provide proof of enrollment in their post secondary program; and be willing to provide a progress report to the WFG at the end of their first post secondary year.

Students interested in applying for the Bursary should contact Joan Barton at: joan4196@gmail.com or 705-448-3074.

We would like to thank the ongoing generosity of Wilberforce and the surrounding community for their support of WFG over the years. We also extend a special thank you this year to Highland Creek Builders as well as a private donor for their contributions.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES

You are cordially invited to the

29th Annual Meeting of the
Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation
Thursday, June 26, 2025
HHHS Minden Auditorium
6 McPherson St., Minden

1:30-2:00 p.m. – Arrival / Registration / Refreshments
2:00-2:45 p.m. – Annual Meeting*
2:45-3:00 p.m. – Question & Answer Session**

Annual Meeting business will include:
Minutes of June 27, 2024 Annual Meeting
Report of the Corporation
Presentation of Financial Statements
Appointment of Auditors
Election of Directors

Guest Speaker: Donna Duncan, CEO
Ontario Long-Term Care Association

**Invited guests are welcome to observe the Annual Meeting. Please note that per Corporate By-law Article 4.7, voting is limited to Corporate Members in attendance in person.*
***All attendees in person and virtual are welcome to participate in the Q&A Session following the close of the meeting.*

Due to limited seating capacity, please register by June 18/25 if you will be attending in person by calling 705-457-2527. To attend virtually, please register through the QR Code.

Billets a 'desperate need' for Huskies

By Mike Baker

Despite recently overseeing the most successful season in Haliburton County Huskies history, head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay is worried about the organization's long-term future in the Highlands.

The team recorded the first 40-win regular season in franchise history this year and made it to the third round of playoffs, the conference finals, where it lost to eventual OJHL champions the Trenton Golden Hawks four games to one.

The Huskies have made playoffs in each of their four seasons in Haliburton County. They will be back for a fifth season next fall, with about half of last year's roster expected to return. Ramsay said forwards Isaac Larmand, Daniel Vasic, and Chase Del Colombo, blueliners Nolan Ling, Kaiden Thatcher and Tyson Rismond, and goaltender Stephen Toltl will all be back.

"I'm really happy about what we've done and how we're shaping up on-ice, it's the off-ice stuff that's concerning," Ramsay said, noting the team desperately needs new billet families.

Because the team attracts mostly underage players from all over North America, it needs a healthy roster of locals willing to open their home and take youth in. It's a seven-month commitment, with players arriving in late August and leaving in April.

Ramsay said billets have been a concern for years – most other Jr. A teams have between 16 and 20, while the Huskies have topped out at between 12 and 14. Last year, the team was forced to double up, with five families taking two players and one family taking three. This is in addition to renting accommodations for overagers – players between 18 and 20.

Billets Marie and Don Gage with Huskies defenceman Curtis Allen. *Submitted.*

With a new season just two-and-a-half months away, the Huskies currently have just five billets registered.

"Some of our long-time billets need a break – they've been with us for a few seasons and want to start travelling… so we really need some new families to come onboard," Ramsay said. "There's a little bit of desperation. Billets are the only thing we cannot control and we've had a problem there from the get-go.

"Billets are crucial in running a junior team at every level. Without that buy-in from the community, it makes it very difficult to run a team," he added.

With the Huskies posting a financial loss for the second straight season, Ramsay said the team can't keep subsidizing player accommodations forever. He hinted at a potential sale should the issue persist beyond next year.

Families receive a $600 monthly stipend per player, a pair of complimentary assigned season tickets, and two deliveries of fresh meat from Haliburton Foodland throughout the season.

Wendy Hampton, a billet for the past two seasons, said she's gotten way more than she bargained for after hosting seven players since 2023.

"I lost my husband in 2022… this has reinvigorated my life, introduced me to an entirely new lifestyle and social circle. I've loved it so far," she said.

In 2023/24 she housed Hunter Martell and Adam Smeeton at her Caribou Road property. Last year, she had Smeeton, Ryan Fairbairn, Luke Hampel, and Toltl.

Not having any children of her own, Hampton admitted she was wary of welcoming teenage boys and all the baggage they typically come with. She noted, though, there are no parties, players have been helpful with household chores and have a curfew most nights. She noted the money she gets from the team "just about" covers the cost of hosting.

When he played junior hockey from 1999 to 2004, Ramsay stayed with three billet families in Peterborough, Kitchener and Plymouth, Michigan. All three were at his wedding years later, with the coach saying he still keeps in touch with them now.

"The connections you make and relationships you form are really special. It's a lifelong thing," Ramsay said.

Anyone interested in becoming a billet for the 2025/26 season can contact Jess Jackson at huskieshousing@gmail.com.

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What's on

Paikin to address The Man Behind the Myth

By Lisa Gervais

Best known as the host of TVO's flagship current affairs program, Steve Paikin comes to Haliburton County June 12 to talk about the book he wrote about a Canadian prime minister who served for only 79 days.

Paikin's *The Man Behind the Myth* is about John Turner, who held Canada's top political job for a spell in 1984.

Asked what he plans to share with attendees at the Telling Our Stories Speaker Series at the Pinestone next week, Paikin said, "I think it will be overwhelmingly about the man himself. Let's face it, unless you're 65 years old and over, you don't know who John Turner was. There's an increasingly diminishing number of people in the country who know his story; which is one of the reasons I wanted to write it."

Paikin hosts *The Agenda with Steve Paikin* and co-hosts the weekly provincial affairs #onpoli podcast and contributes columns to tvo.org. For this project, he delved into Turner's life, exploring his commitment to Canada and his impact. The book highlights Turner's accomplishments, including his service as minister of consumer and corporate affairs, minister of justice, and minister of finance. Paikin also reveals personal anecdotes about Turner, such as his rescue of former prime minister John Diefenbaker from drowning, and his advice to his wife during the October Crisis.

He also explores Turner's personal life. "He's really one of the most fascinating case studies in Canadian political history.

Steve Paikin is coming to Haliburton County. *Submitted.*

He's a guy who came into public life very young. People were predicting big things for him. He had this meteoric rise to finance minister. Then, he resigned and went away for a decade.

"When he made his comeback, there were older partisan Liberals who remembered who he was, but when you go away for a decade, there is a whole generation of people who don't know anything about you. His comeback did not go well." He got "thrashed" twice by Brian Mulroney. Paikin said younger people "don't know the earlier story and they don't know the later story. He had a great third act in public life."

He said he wanted to write the book because Turner had three very distinctive chapters in public life people would not know about. He said in his opinion, becoming prime minister was not in the top five accomplishments of Turners' life. He said the story is "all the other stuff he did" on the way to becoming prime minister, and after.

Paikin had a personal relationship with Turner. He was a cub reporter in 1984 when Turner won the Liberal leadership. He got to know him over the years. Their birthdays are two days apart, and they used to go out for lunch to celebrate. One of his sons lived across the road from Paikin. "We had a very nice rapport."

After Turner died, a couple of people who worked with Turner approached Paikin about writing a book "about Turner the guy." He was given access to the family and Turner's private papers.

The book's been out a couple of years. As Paikin promotes it, he believes he is educating people about who Turner was. He's been told, 'more people need to know this guy's story'.

"I just love that."

The event is Thursday, June 12, 7-9 p.m. at the Pinestone. $15. Go to tellingourstories.company.site/

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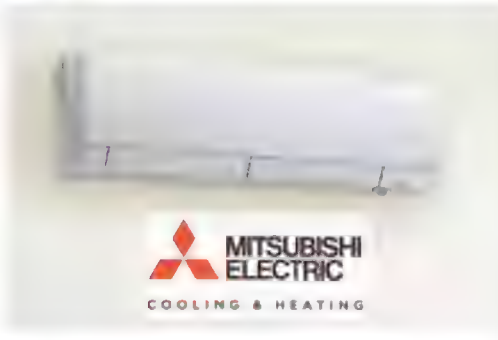

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Giving with a smile

Central Food Network (CFN) executive director Tina Jackson was all smiles after being presented with a cheque for $22,118.03 on May 13, proceeds raised through this year's Tim Hortons SMILE cookie campaign. Franchises in Minden and Haliburton donated 100 per cent of the proceeds from cookie sales April 28 to May 4 to the non-profit, which operates food banks in Cardiff and Wilberforce, as well as the Haliburton County Heat Bank. This was a record-breaking year for the local effort, more than doubling the $10,324 raised for Volunteer Dental Outreach in 2024. Last year, CFN registered 4.128 visits to its food banks, up 37 per cent from 2023. *(Mike Baker).*

Back row: Tina Jackson, CFN executive director, Tim Hortons co-owner Mike Garland and Haliburton store manager Devon Woodrow, and CFN board member Christine Sharp. Front row: Minden store manager Mhyca Apolinaria, CFN board member Trish Hewitt, and Tim Hortons co-owner Paige Chapman. *Submitted.*

What's on

WHAT'S HAPPENING this week

JUNE 5 - JUNE 11

Thursday June 5

Boshkung Brewing Live Music, 6 p.m.to 9 p.m.

Sunday June 8

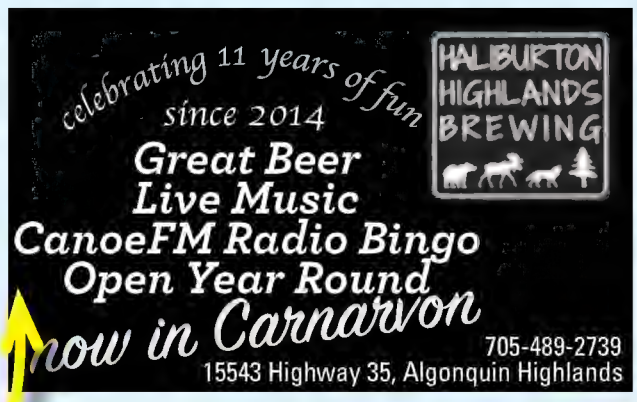
Boshkung Brewing Live Music, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

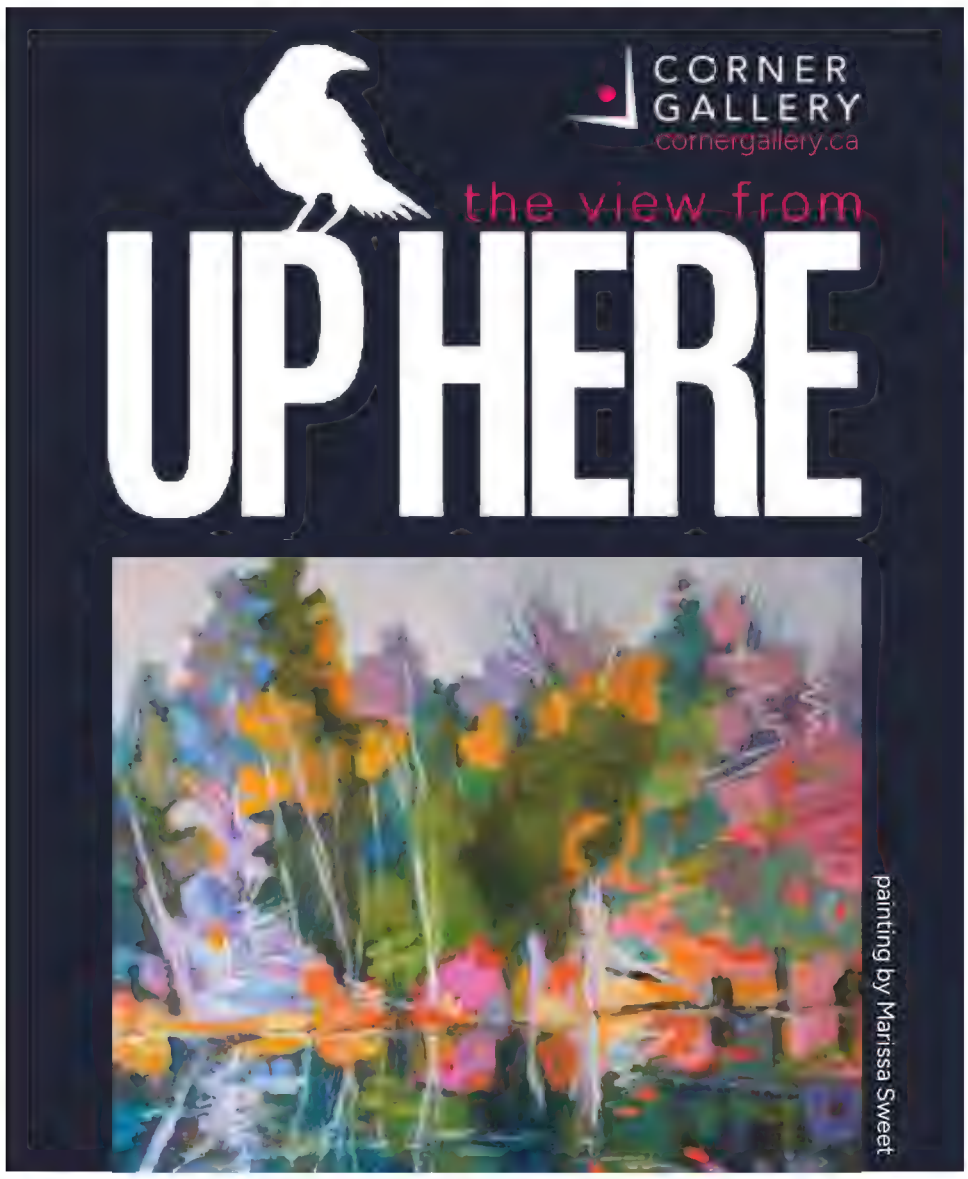
Tuesday June 10

Haliburton Brewing Canoe FM Radio Bingo & dinner, 6 p.m.

Wednesday June 11

Boshkung Brewing, open 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Wing Wednesday!





Roadside Brush Collection Program

Zone 5 Pickup information:

If you live within this zone, please place your brush on the roadside for collection by 7:00 am, Monday, June 9th. Pickup is available on County and Township roads only. To view the pickup zones, visit: https://haliburtoncounty.ca/brushcollection

This program is available to properties that are currently on year-round, municipally maintained roads. To check eligibility, residents are encouraged to review the map and collection schedule at the website below.

More Info:

Website:
https://haliburtoncounty.ca/brushcollection

Email:
brushcleanup@haliburtoncounty.ca

Collection runs from May 12- June 13

Visit our website for FAQs

Haliburton Highlands

Township of Minden Hills

What's on

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m in the clubroom. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo 5 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. Snack bar available – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month.
Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m, tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events
Clubroom hours: Monday 3-9 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday closed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for rental information call Cheryl Waller at 905- 447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com/facility-rentals Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129…everyone is welcome!

The Legion's mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Thursday** with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' **Tuesday.**

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

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Weekly activities:
Karaoke: call for dates
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

Mondays: open 7 to 10 p.m.
Tuesdays: closed
Wednesdays: open 2 to 6 p.m.
Thursdays: open 2 to 10 p.m.
Fridays: open 2 to 11 p.m.
Saturdays: open 2 to 9 p.m.
Sundays: closed, special events only

Darts at 7 p.m. June 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is $5 per player. Afternoon sessions are June 11, 18 and 25 starting at 2 p.m. Cost is $4 per player.

We have suspended our cornhole league.

Horseshoes June 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Cost is $5 per player.

HHHS social recreation June 12 and 26 at 10 a.m.

EVENTS

June 6, 6 to 8 p.m. Skyline Dance Studio is hosting its annual recital at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This event showcases the development, hard work and dedication of dancers across all forms – recreational ballet, jazz, tap, acro, lyrical, musical theatre, and intermediate/senior pointe. Other performances are scheduled June 7 at 1 and 6 p.m. and June 8 at 1 p.m.

June 7, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lake of Bays Pioneer Community Churches are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United Church in Canada. Starting at Pioneer Memorial (23:70 Hwy. 60), the celebration will also feature stops at Stewart Memorial at 11:30 a.m. (1212 Dwight Beach Rd.), Seabreeze Church at 1 p.m. (1060 Seabreeze Rd.), and Knox United Church at 2:30 (1012 Harvey Ave.). An Indigenous fire ceremony will be held at the Dorset Pavillion at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

June 7, 4:30 to 11 p.m. Minden Rotary is hosting its annual dinner auction and dance at the Minden Community Centre. Music by DJ Dan Sullivan. Tickets are $65 and are available at Mollys Market and Bakery, Lets Get Local, Lynda Litwin Re/Max or online at ourfundraiser.events/MindenRotaryDinner2025.

June 8, 3 p.m. Highlands Wind Symphony Spring Concert at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. Featuring the Highlands Wind Symphony and Highlands Swing Band with Jerelyn Craden. Tickets are $15 for adults, $30 for families, and are available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton or Pharmasave Minden. Call or text Lorie at 705-306-0433 for more information.

June 10, 2 to 4 p.m. Come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada with afternoon tea at Highland Hills United Church in Minden, located at 21 Newcastle St. Everyone is welcome. Hats and period costumes are welcome but not required. Be our guest at no charge.

June 10, 4:15. June's film for Those Other Movies is coming a couple of days earlier, with *Thelma* showing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The comedy stars June Squibb, a 93-year-old grandma who sets out to find scammers who took her money. Cost is $10, payable at the door. A second screening will start at 7:15 p.m.

June 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Steve Paikin, host of TVO's *The Agenda*, will be the guest at the upcoming 'Telling Our Stories' Speaker Series event, held at Pinestone Resort. Paikin's focus will be his new book *The Man Behind the Myth – An Intimate biography of John Turner,* which tells the story of Turner's 79-day stint as prime minister in 1984. Admission is $15, payable at the door. For more information, contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

June 14, all day. The Haliburton County Fair returns to the Minden Fairgrounds. There will be events throughout the day, including a light horse show, balloon rides, Zoo to You, horse pull, cattle show, pony rides, and live music from Beverly Mahood and Jim Jacobs. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids aged six to 12. Camping is available for $25 per trailer. For more information, visit haliburtoncountyfair.ca.

June 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's Seniors Day at YWCA Wanakita. Foster and strengthen connections with your peers and join us for activities such as nature walks, canoeing, crafts, and cards. There will also be lunch and a tea time. Cost is $25 per person. Located at 1883 Koshlong Lake Road. To register call 705-457-2132 or email wanakita@ymcahbb.ca.

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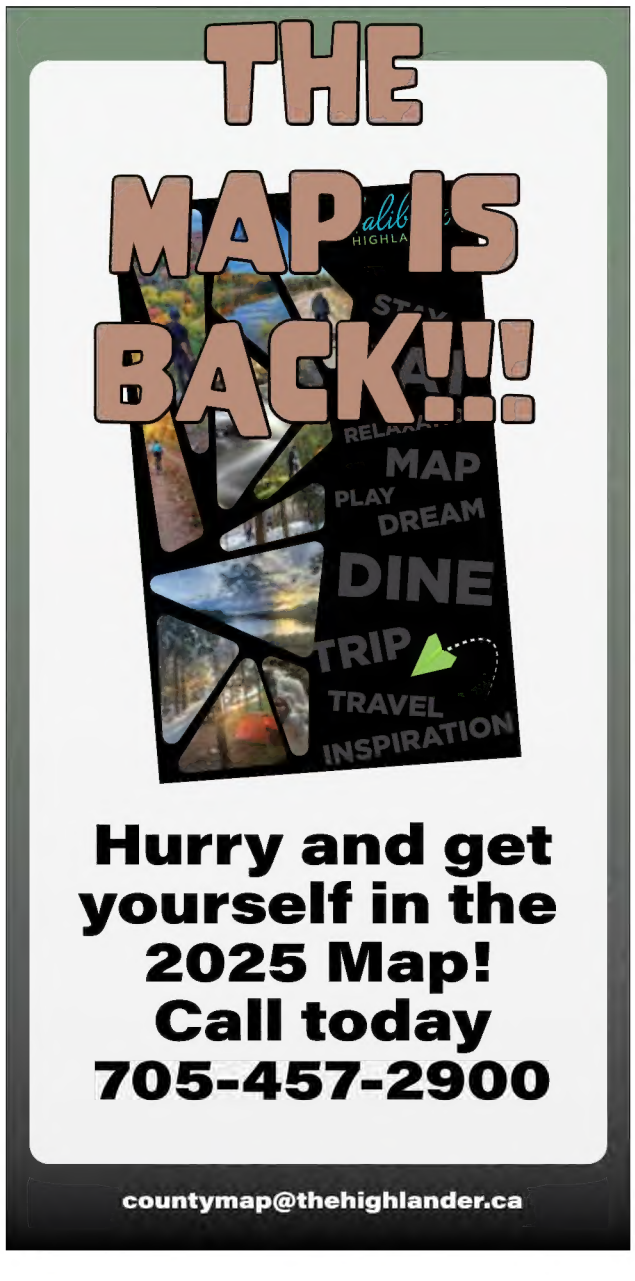

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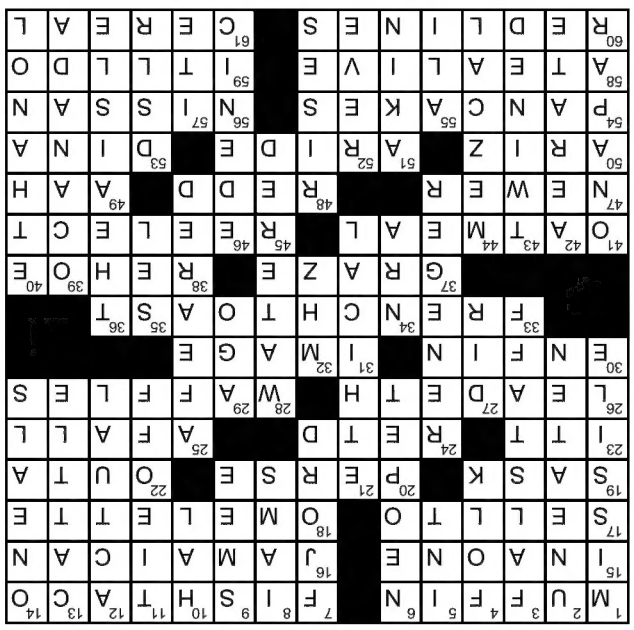

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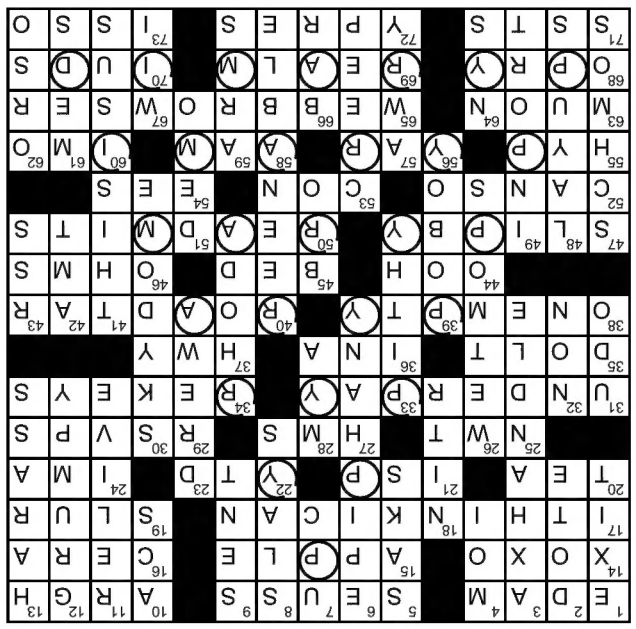
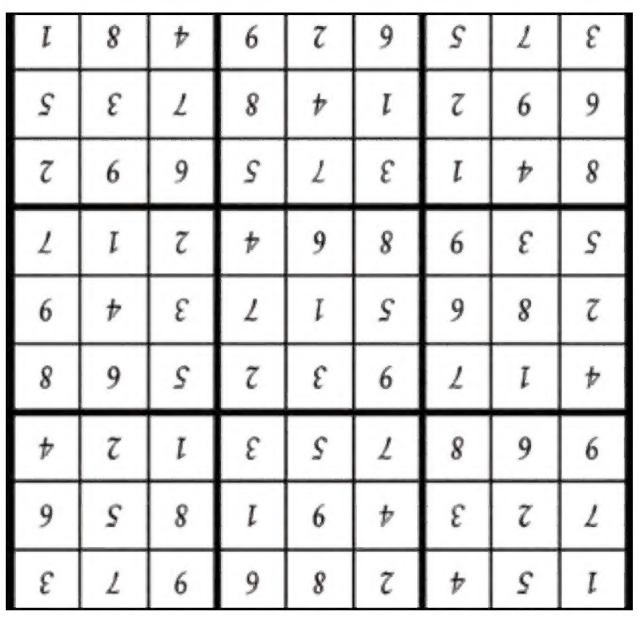




OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

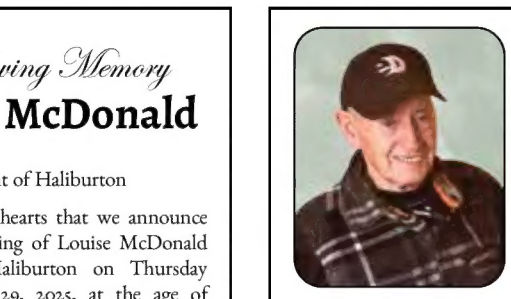
Louise McDonald

Resident of Haliburton

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Louise McDonald at Extendicare-Haliburton on Thursday afternoon, May 29, 2025, at the age of 83, with her loving family by her side. Beloved wife of the late Dean McDonald, cherished mother to Lori (Dwaine Lloyd) of Haliburton and Sheila (Jerry Kunes) of Combermere. Louise was a devoted and much-loved Gramma to Graeme Lloyd, Austin Lloyd (Yazmine), Miranda Tomasetti (Pat), Amy Tomasetti, and Kyler Tomassetti (Jazmine). She was also a proud Great Gramma to Brennan, Madisyn, Savannah, Cameron, Molly, Alexia, and Jesse, and a Great Great Gramma to Alice. She will be deeply missed by her sister, Marilyn Beaumont, and was predeceased by her brothers Oliver and Keith Hillock. Louise's warmth, kindness, and love will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

Celebration Of Life

Friends are invited to call at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday afternoon, June 1, 2025 from 1-3 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Louise's memory can be made to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory

Paul Sheriff

Resident of Algonquin Highlands
Puppa Paul

Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital. Survived by Laura, Keith, his son Kevin, daughter-in-law Louise, grandchildren Allysa, Connor, and Alexis. Predeceased by his parents, Marjorie and Bonamy Sheriff.

With helping hands and a heart of gold, he touched the lives of many. From his youthful days spent at Kilcoo Camp, his affection for Haliburton grew. As an adult, he claimed a piece of paradise on Maple Lake and, in 1995, embraced his role as a proud permanent resident. He reveled in watching his son Kevin and his friends flourish, creating treasured memories during weekends spent together.

As a proud Puppa of three, he showered love upon his three grandchildren, embodying the essence of a supportive grandparent throughout his life. He will forever dwell in our hearts, his spirit never to be forgotten.

Private Funeral Arrangements

As per the family's wishes, funeral arrangements are private. Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Paul's memory can be made to the Haliburton 4C's Foodbank. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. 118 Haliburton, Ontario KoM 1So (705) 457-9209.

In Loving Memory of

Mildred "Joyce" Wiltshire
(nee Macdonald)

Passed away peacefully at VIVA Pickering Retirement Community on Thursday, May 29, 2025 with her loving daughter by her side at the age of 96.

Beloved wife of the late Robert "Bob" Jack Wiltshire (2017). Loving mother of Gary (Wendy Lavery) Wiltshire, Wendy Wiltshire and Robert Thomas "Tom" (Melissa Caines) Wiltshire, grandmother to Jacylnn, Kellen (Rebecca Poole) and Shelby (Justen Brownell), great grandmother to Wyatt and Octavia. Joyce is predeceased by her sister Mary Ellen McBain (2024). Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Private Family Graveside Service and Interment will be held at the Zion United Church Cemetery, Carnarvon. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KoM 2Ko.

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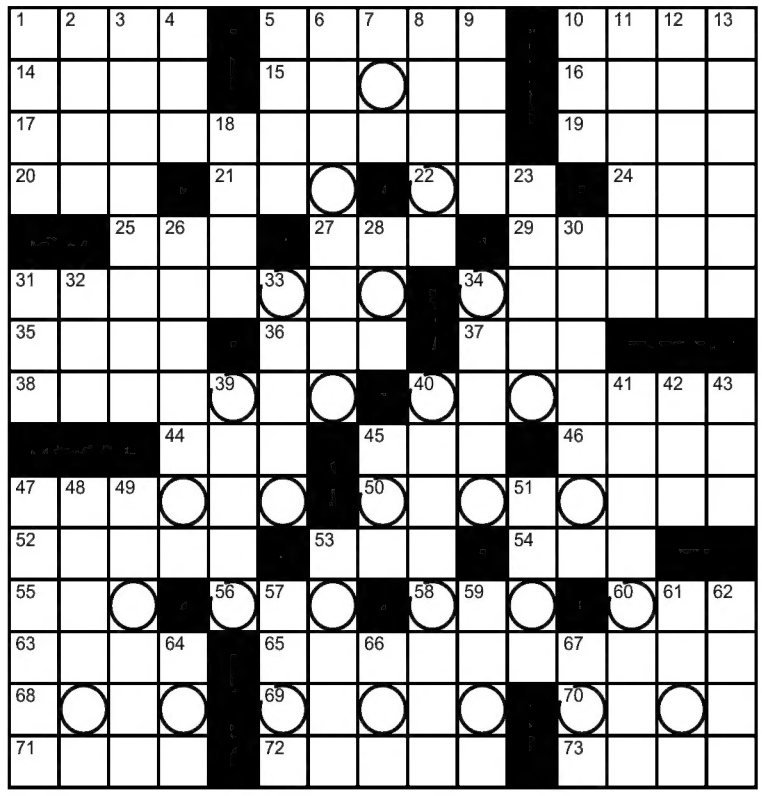

Across

1 Dutch cheese-making town
5 Author on a tot's bookshelf
10 Hair-tearer's cry
14 Kiss-hug-kiss-hug
15 Temptation for Snow White
16 Actor Michael of "Juno"
17 "The Little Engine That Could" mantra
19 Shpeak like thish
20 "Downton Abbey" cupful
21 Online access co.
22 CPA's "till today"
24 "___ Believer" (The Monkees song)
25 Nunavut's neighbour: Abbr.
27 Letters on a ship's bow
29 Replies to a party planner, briefly
31 Give less than minimum wage
34 Enters again, as data
35 Numbskull
36 Croce's "Time ___ Bottle"
37 The Trans-Canada, e.g.: Abbr.
38 Anxiously searching for a gas station, maybe
40 Pothole filler
44 Backup singer's syllable
45 Pepys' destination
46 Resistance units, in physics
47 Elapse
50 Hospitalizes again
52 Nova Scotia cape that sounds like a kid's retort
53 Really bad artist?
54 Wiring professionals: Abbr.
55 Right-triangle leg: Abbr.
56 Shostakovich symphony "Babi ___"
58 Pooh creator's initials
60 Texter's "if you ask me"
63 μ, to a physicist
65 Surfer's Safari, e.g.
68 "Grand Ole ___"
69 Domain
70 T-shaped contraceptives
71 Extra speedy jets, for short
72 World War I battleground
73 "That ___ you" ("Typical")

Down

1 Head to the wings
2 Wait on hand and foot
3 A logger has a grip on it
4 Miss Piggy's "Me!?"
5 Upscale New York store
6 Sudden moment of insight
7 Modern price tag
8 Leaves them roaring
9 Email folder
10 Cooling units, for short
11 Experience again
12 Dour dwarf
13 Pester nonstop
18 Chemical prefix with -ate or -ite
23 ___ blank (had no idea)
26 Swabby's tools
28 One-named "Moodring" singer
30 The Jays' stadium name, once
31 Veggie in miso
32 __ compos mentis
33 To the point
34 TV role for Valerie Harper
39 N'Orleans sandwich
40 Make functional again
41 TV drama centering on the Pearson family
42 Wt. or vol.
43 Weblog feed format: Abbr.
45 ___ hug (dude embrace)
47 Yiddish yo-yos
48 Simple baskets
49 Tied up at the harbour
51 Aspiring musician's sample
53 Move stealthily
57 Wonky
59 Puts the heat on?
61 Pharmacy supply, for short
62 Circa, casually
64 The Big Apple's home
66 Sot's spot
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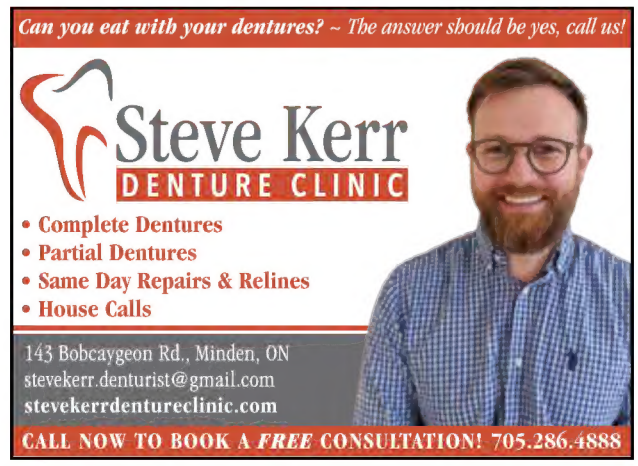
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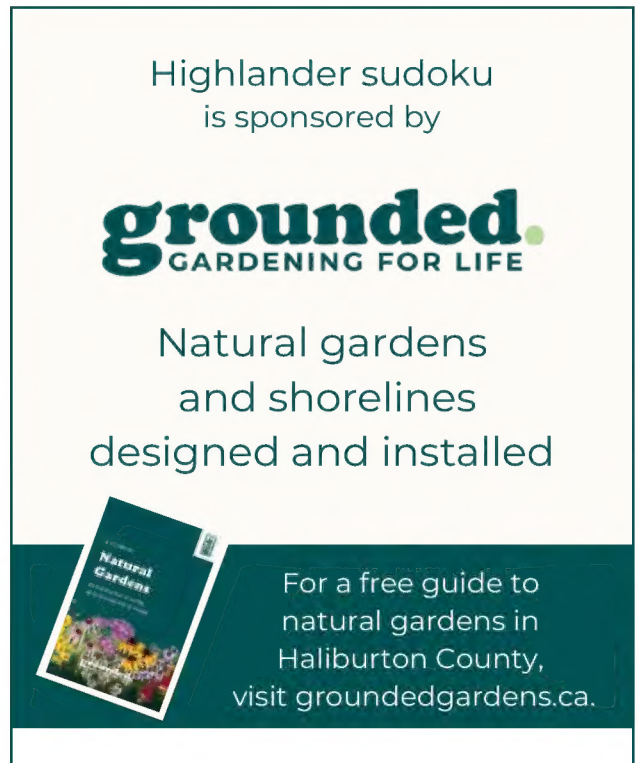
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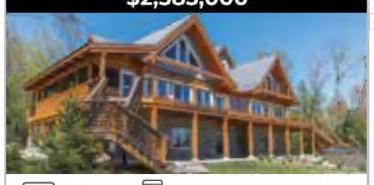

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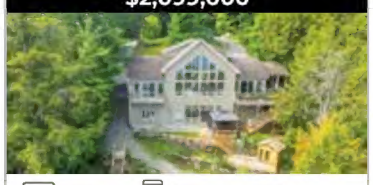

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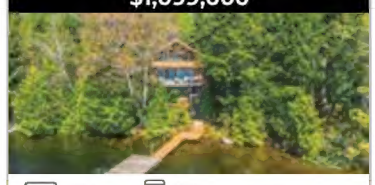

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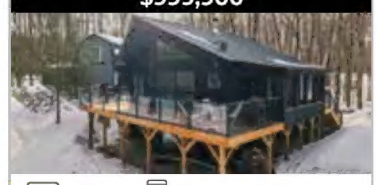

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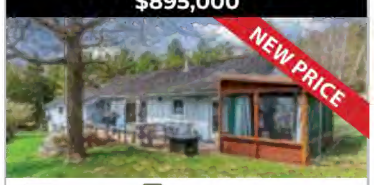

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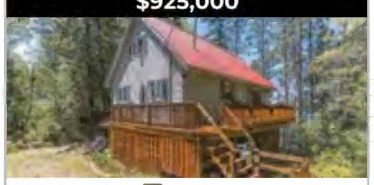

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HALIBURTON LAKE
$925,000

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LONG LAKE
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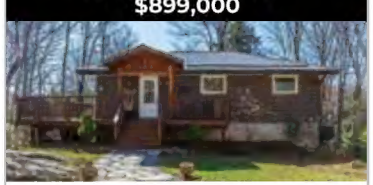

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SILVER BEACH
$749,500

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WILBERMERE LAKE
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3X BED | 1X BATH | MLS # X12138474

HALIBURTON LAKE
$725,000

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KENNISIS RIVER
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HEART LAKE
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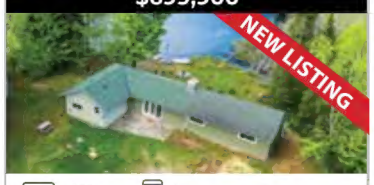

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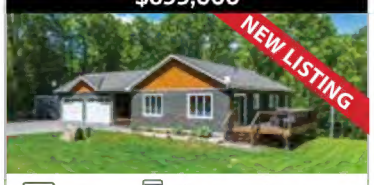

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EAGLE LAKE AREA
$659,900

2X BED | 1X BATH | MLS # X12095585

KUSHOG LAKE
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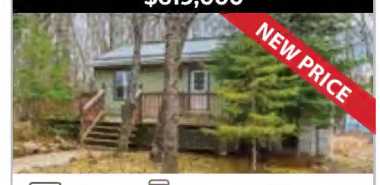
CRANBERRY LAKE
$619,000



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2X BED | 1X BATH | MLS # X12175990

KUSHOG LAKE (RD BETWEEN)
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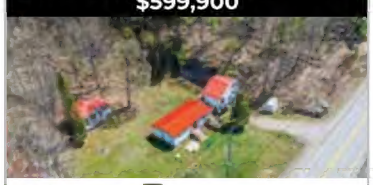

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GLAMOR LAKE
$599,000

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HALIBURTON
$568,000

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12 MILE LAKE
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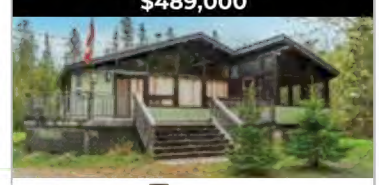

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WILBERFORCE
$549,500

3X BED | 2X BATH | MLS # X12093164

OAKVIEW CO-LIVING
$349,000

FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP

3 UNITS AVAILABLE

CHANDLER POINT
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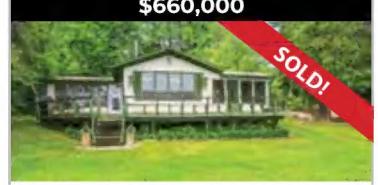
DAVIS LAKE
$660,000



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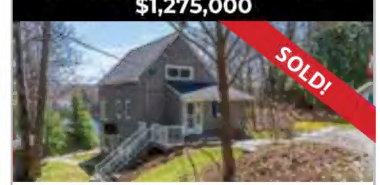
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
$1,275,000



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